REMARKS

I. Introduction

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of January 29, 2010 is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 31-46 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Prior Art Rejections and Allowed Claims

Currently, claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keicher et al. (US 6,391,251) in view of Jang et al. (US 6,401,001). Claims 31-46 are allowed.

The rejections of claims 1 and 8 are moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. All of the remaining claims have been allowed, as indicated on page 3 of the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain after consideration of the response, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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